

In the Claims

Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing marked up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please amend pending claims 6, 9, and 14 as noted below. Please add new claims 18-26.

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) An animal habitat comprising,
a first body having a cavity therein for one or more animals and extending to a first surface area of the body,
a passage in the body extending from the cavity to the surface of the body at a location separate from the portion of the cavity extending to the first surface area,
a substantially planar transparent closure distinct from the first body, covering the portion of the cavity extending to the first surface area enabling animals in the cavity to be viewed,
and a second body having a surface complimentary to the first surface of the first body for preventing viewing of the cavity when the complimentary surface of the two bodies are brought into registration with one another.

7. (Original) An animal habitat as described in claim 6 wherein the two bodies when oriented with their complimentary faces opposite one another visually form a unitary structure.

8. (Original) An animal habitat as described in claim 7 wherein magnetic members are disposed in each of the bodies for releasably holding them in registration with one another.

9. (Currently Amended) An animal habitat as described in claim 7 wherein the two bodies when placed in registration with one another together visually create the image of at least one rock ~~define a rock-like structure~~.

10. (Original) An animal habitat as described in claim 6 wherein the passage is defined in part by the first surface area of the first body.
11. (Original) An animal habitat as described in claim 6 wherein the complimentary surfaces are planar surfaces.
12. (Original) An animal habitat as described in claim 11 wherein the complimentary surfaces are of substantially the same size and shape.
13. (Original) An animal habitat as described in claim 12 wherein the magnetic members lie substantially in the surfaces of the bodies.
14. (Currently Amended) An animal habitat as described in claim 9 wherein the bodies together visually create the image of a single rock ~~define a single rock-like structure~~.
15. (Original) An animal habitat as described in claim 12 wherein the passage is defined in part by the first surface area of the first body.
16. (Original) An animal habitat as described in claim 14 wherein the complimentary surfaces are planar surfaces.
17. (Canceled)
18. (New) An animal habitat as described in claim 6, further comprising at least one ledge in the cavity of the first body, which forms a tunneling system.
19. (New) An animal habitat as described in claim 6, wherein the transparent closure is positioned adjacent to the complementary surfaces of the first and second bodies.

20. (New) An animal habitat comprising,
a first body having a cavity therein for one or more animals and extending to a first surface area of the body, the first body having a structure of a shape found in nature,
a passage in the body extending from the cavity to the surface of the body at a location separate from the portion of the cavity extending to the first surface area,
a substantially planar transparent closure distinct from the first body, covering the portion of the cavity extending to the first surface area enabling animals in the cavity to be viewed,
and a second body having a surface complimentary to the first surface of the first body for preventing viewing of the cavity when the complimentary surface of the two bodies are brought into registration with one another.
21. (New) An animal habitat as described in claim 20, wherein the second body has a structure of a shape found in nature.
22. (New) An animal habitat as described in claim 20, wherein the first body is in the form of a rock, mound of earth, or tree stump configuration.
23. (New) An animal habitat as described in claim 21, wherein the second body is in the form of a rock, mound of earth, or tree stump configuration.
24. (New) An animal habitat as described in claim 20, wherein the two bodies when oriented with their complimentary faces opposite one another visually form a unitary structure.
25. (New) An animal habitat as described in claim 20, wherein magnetic members are disposed in each of the bodies for releasably holding them in registration with one another.
26. (New) An animal habitat as described in claim 20, wherein the complimentary surfaces are of substantially the same size and shape.